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# PRESIDENT'S

# MESSAGE



Those of you that haven't picked up your T.N.A. medal should do so now without delay. They are going real fast and you would certainly be disappointed if you don't have one in your collection. Write Roger Earwood or see your district governor. Many clubs around the state are buying them in quantity for attendance prizes at the meetings.



It was my pleasure to attend the July meeting of Key City Coin Club of Abilene, along with Fred Clark, district 3 governor. This club and the Nolan County Coin Club of Sweetwater plan to hold a joint meeting to get better acquainted and swap numismatic information. There was considerable talk in the past

about such meetings but I don't think that it was pushed by local clubs that were close enough to each other. This could be a real fine way for collectors to trade coins and knowledge without having to wait for a coin show in their vicinity. I hope that more of these meetings will be held in the future.



With all of the coin robberies that are taking place today, I urge each of you to be very careful about leaving your home to where it would be easily entered. This is probably one fear that every coin collector has, being robbed. Many articles have been written on this subject and you should be familiar with ways to prevent this from happening to you.



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## Celebrity Protrayed For 31 Years

### NICKEL CARRIES IMAGE OF THOMAS JEFFERSON

By MIRIAM GILMORE,  
Weslaco, Texas

Two great achievements—the Louisiana Purchase Treaty, signed at Paris, France in 1803 adding vast territories to the United States, and the expedition of explorers William Clark and Meriwether Lewis during the years of 1803-06 to establish a land route across the nation to the Pacific Ocean—it all happened when Thomas Jefferson was president of the U.S. The territory of our country has shown much influence in the coinage of the U.S. and the Jefferson five-cent piece must be included.

Thomas Jefferson, known as the "Father of American Liberties," was responsible for introducing the decimal system into our coinage and he recommended the establishment of the dollar and its division into tenths and hundredths (10c and 1c) as a central monetary unit replacing the pounds and pence system of the British. He was appointed chairman of the committee to draft the Declaration of Independence and then was chosen by the committee to write it.

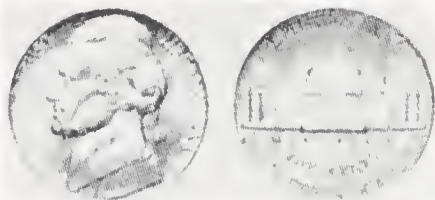
He was elected to the office of the vice presidency in 1797 and served under John Adams, the second president of the U.S., until 1801. In that year, Jefferson became the third leader of our nation and served two consecutive terms. An incident which has been an incentive to poets and authors is that both men died on July 4, 1826 on the golden anniversary of the promulgation of the Declaration of Independence.

Jefferson has been portrayed on

the U.S. nickel for 31 years. It was the first U.S. coin design to be selected in open competition, with Felix Schlag of Chicago, Ill., entering the winning piece of artistic work. Schlag was awarded a \$1,000 prize for his design which won over 390 other contestants. Recently Schlag's initials were placed on the obverse of the coin. Minting of the Jefferson nickel, replacing the Buffalo or Indian Head five-cent piece, began in 1938 at the three mints then in operation at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

This nickel is familiar to us all as it is found in our pocket change every day. The obverse design bears a profile likeness of Jefferson with his long hair drawn back and secured with a ribbon—the traditional feminine touch of the era. To the left of the figure are the words "In God We Trust" and to the right side, "Liberty" and the date.

The mint marks are placed to the right of Monticello which adorns the reverse of the coin. (Jefferson designed the Monticello which was his home in Virginia.) In 1968 when



**POPULAR COLLECTOR'S ITEM—** The Jefferson nickel, minted for 31 years, has proved to be a popular phase of numismatics for collectors. More Jefferson nickel sets are assembled than any other set due to availability of coins and low cash value to invest.

mint marks returned to U.S. coins after an absence of three years, the identifying mark was placed on the obverse of the coin by the date. "E Pluribus Unum" is found at the top above the building and "United States of America" is spread beneath. It also bears the denomination of "Five Cents." There have been scattered rumors that a few of the nickels were minted with the U.S. flag flying atop Monticello, but to our knowledge, there has been no confirmation to those reports.

The nickel is not of the pure metal as we would be led to believe by the name, but consists of a blend of copper and nickel. (The Canadian five-center is made of pure nickel.) During World War II, nickel as a valuable metal, was needed for other uses and became scarce. The metallic content of the piece was changed to an alloy of copper, silver and manganese during the latter part of 1942, and all of the years 1943, 1944 and 1945. Large mint marks were placed above the dome of Monticello to denote the alteration of the metal content. This period also marked the first and only time in our history that the Philadelphia mint ever used an identifying mark—a large "P" above the dome. In 1946, the metal content reverted to copper and nickel.

It is still possible to find the complete set of Jefferson nickels in circulation although it will be a degree of difficulty to locate a few of the key coins. But with a little time and patience, and many rolls and bags to scan through in the hunt, the collector will eventually complete the series.

Records show that the 1950 Denver nickel has the lowest mintage—2,630,030—thereby marking it as the key coin to the Jefferson set. The 1950D has proved to be one of the best numismatic investments in re-

cent times for a collector. We have watched the price of that nickel climb from the face value of five cents to over \$900 per roll of 40 coins in the peak years, in uncirculated condition, back down to \$400 per roll in the 19 years of its existence. Anyone who invested in this nickel at face value and turned them at today's prices has reaped a plentiful harvest. What this item will do in the next few years will be interesting to observe.

Other key and semi-key nickels to be on the lookout for are the 1938DS, 1939DS, 1950P, 1951S and 1955P. And in collecting and investing, do not underestimate the 1942D with only 13,938,000 mintage. They are fast disappearing from the scene of circulating coins.

The two important events of history which occurred during President Jefferson's term of office have been commemorated on the gold dollars of 1903, 1904 and 1905. The Louisiana Purchase was celebrated with a souvenir gold coin dated 1903 and authorized for issuance during the exposition held in St. Louis, Mo. in 1903. There are two varieties of the gold dollars, one with the head of Jefferson and the other of President William McKinley who indicated approval of the exposition.

The two famous explorers, Lewis and Clark, are pictured on each side of the gold dollar struck with the dates of 1904 and 1905 to solemnize the centennial exposition held in Portland, Ore., in 1905. Lewis and Clark are also portrayed on the \$10 Legal Tender Note, Series of 1901.

The Jefferson nickel design has passed the 25-year legal mark and could be changed by Congress without any special action but our doubts are magnified, by the situation created by the half dollar change of design from Franklin to Kennedy, that a new nickel will be issued in the very near future.

# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS CONVENTION

By GLADYS ROBBINS  
Corpus Christi, Texas

The educational forum at the T.N.A. May convention provided an evening of varied numismatic fare with first rate speakers.

Matt Rothert, immediate past president of A.N.A. and paper money authority, shared with the audience his earliest and rarest U.S. bank notes. Projecting them with the aid of an opaque projector, Rothert was assisted by the president of the host Fort Worth Coin Club.

Rothert's enthusiasm for this interesting page in numismatic history carried the audience back to the early political life of our nation when Congress chartered the first U.S. bank, failed to renew the charter, then later chartered it again, causing an erratic beginning to the country's currency.

Brad Mills, columnist for the Dallas Morning News reviewed the hobby, giving a background to his subject "Numismatics Today." The first 'spurt' in collecting in America came in the 1830s and was due to the many varieties of half cents. By 1854 there were a few collectors, but a number of promoters among them employees of the U.S. mint who created special coins in small numbers for the collectors. A big boost was spurred on by the V nickel series, many of them collected, so they are plentiful today. The no-cent is least expensive today as people hoarded them in great number then. The 1892 Barber dime, quarter and half created little excitement and the 1909 cent was also not exciting, and few were saved. The Buffalo nickel doubled the number of collectors.

Mills said that many questions

are asked of him today. He turns to professionals for the answers. The questions reflect a hectic cross section of thinking from both numismatists and speculators and represent trends, basic elements of taste and whims of the public. He predicts that 90 per cent silver coins will give less than a 6 per cent profit on the investment. Silver and gold coins will go up and down as bullion prices fluctuate. Uncirculated silver certificates above \$100.00 denomination are worth keeping. Coin rolls of valuable singles are a good investment—maybe the least attractive ones will be sleepers. The medalmania collector should be cautious as to the quality of the medals he collects. Foreign proof sets in limited quantity may be of numismatic value—but the middle man profit makes commemorative coins priced higher—they should be leaders in the next boom. One type coin is as important as another but the rarer ones are more valuable. Type collecting is the most sensible approach to the basic collector.

Unfortunately at this point the audience was allowed to stretch and get a drink of water—and half slipped out.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Fox, associate professor of Southwestern University School of Fine Arts, charmed the group with an informative account of early Texas money.

Following the capitals of the Republic of Texas from San Felipe de Austin to Washington on the Brazos, to Velasco to Columbia to Houston to Austin to Washington on the Brazos and back again to Austin, she recounted the trials and errors of the political leaders attempting to make ends meet in the struggling

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# PROFESSIONALS ARE AVID COLLECTORS

BY BRAD MILLS,  
Dallas Morning News

A surprisingly large number of professional people in Texas are avid coin collectors. Doctors, attorneys, bankers, merchants and industrialists are prominent among the prosperous group who have drifted into numismatics as their major hobby.

Reasons for becoming collectors are numerous among the influential element that quietly goes about the accumulation of both the better items and the commoner, bulky material. An oil operator inherited a dozen old coins from his father; a doctor read that gold coins were sure to advance some day; a banker gradually obtained valuable coins from customers who wished to dispose of them; a utility executive started collecting coins as a boy. A merchant found a box of old coins in his deceased father's effects.

Then we have the more dashing type of collector who literally caught fire when he read press reports of activities in proof sets, gold, rare coins, silver in general and silver dollars in particular. A good nudge from a coin dealer or a collector friend probably sent the eager beginner on a vast spree that hasn't ended yet.

Large gold coins have been particularly popular with the professional crowd for 20 years. This issue afforded a kind of investment item that seemed nearer foolproof than the more speculative coins of high collector value and low face value. However, many of the wealthy collectors preferred rarities and choice type coins, and in accumulating them became expert numismatists in their own right. Roughly

half of the professional group acquires coins to hold as ordinary collectors, while the other half buys and sells on an investment, speculative or short-term basis.

Occasionally a tremendous collection will come to light through death or an unusual development. Our next-door neighbor had been acquiring choice coins as a numismatist and enjoying them all by himself. However, such a loner is strictly an exception to the general rule. We have many quiet collectors, but not that quiet.

Probably the most notable example of big-time coin collecting was that of an Indianapolis industrialist who put together nearly all of the United States rarities, plus many from other parts of the world. And at a cost of only \$6 million! This grand assembly was done so quietly very few people knew about it. The wealthy collector was a real plunger and price was no object.

Most of these novices need guidance badly when starting as coin collectors. They are able to buy large amounts of coins as mature businessmen, yet they may be inclined to accumulate a vast collection having no special sense of balance or direction. In simpler words, the adult who comes into the hobby experiences the same pitfalls as the young Boy Scout who started collecting coins at the age of 11. The only real difference is that the influential beginner makes a bigger splash. The effect of the big buyer's action on both market prices and coin trends may be pronounced where rumors and press reports tend to support his preference for such items as gold, silver, proof sets or rarities.

# JUNIOR READIN' ROUNDUP

By the time this column reaches our "News" editor, yours truly will be in California on vacation. For that matter, I'll be back before you read it.

I hope to attend a few clubs while I'm there, and see what kind of programs are available to the juniors. All Southern California clubs have a large number of juniors in their memberships. I should have no trouble finding a meeting to attend, as there are approximately 75 club meetings each month within a 60-mile radius of Los Angeles. Unfortunately, for business reasons, my husband will have to join us later and will miss the better clubs; but, my two daughters and I hope to make some meetings.

It was my extreme pleasure to write a letter of congratulations to Richard Ricketts of the Liberty Coin Club in Corpus Christi. Richard entered the National Coin Week competition in Class J—Individual Juniors—and won an Honorable Mention. This is a great accomplishment anytime; but, especially, for a first competition.

The spirit of competition is a basic element of all our lives. We are never too young, or too old, to compete. Competition is necessary and we should start competing as young as possible, whether it be in numismatics, sports, or whatever.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to Mrs. Gladys Robbins as winner of First Place among individuals in the U. S. during National Coin Week competition. Gladys may not be a junior, but she will always be young. She is certainly a competitor, and we hope she always will be. Hats off to a fine

exhibitor, outstanding competitor, and great lady! And juniors in the Corpus Christi area—or, for that matter, anywhere—will always find Mrs. Robbins willing to help you in any way she can.

Well, I hope I have a lot of interesting things to report from Southern California next month. See you then.

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## EDUCATIONAL —

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new Republic. Drafts, Star Notes, Treasury Warrants, Land Script and bonds were officially issued. Adding to the confusion, counties, merchants and a couple of railroads issued interest bearing bonds and script or paper money from 5 cents to \$100.00. Her 45-minute history lesson cannot be condensed in a few sentences, but she opened up an interesting new world to some, and certainly an appropriate message for a Texas Numismatic Association convention.

A change of pace came as young Lester Tofte III presented the human and humorous side of Mexico's Revolutionary coinage. He had prepared an illustrated sheet showing obverses and reverses of the five coins he was to talk about, and told some mighty tall tales concerning the background of each coin.

Each of the speakers was presented a Texas-shaped plaque in appreciation from T.N.A. by Col. R. W. Darrah, convention general chairman, who also introduced each speaker.

## NEWS ROUNDUP – A.N.A.

By NORMA MATHER  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
A.N.A. Representative

How great you Texans are!

Among 18 winners of National Coin Week awards there were 3 from Texas showing how folks down our way are out-going and eager to share their hobby.

We're mighty proud of Hidalgo Coin Club of McAllen in the Magic Valley for taking second place in Class C; clubs of under 50 members. They got a late start but hard work and cooperation paid off.

And we're proud of Richard Ricketts of Corpus Christi. His article in *TNA News*, exhibits in shows and at school, hand made posters and talks won him Honorable Mention in the Junior competition.

But we're most proud of Gladys Robbins who won TOP honors as an individual. Gladys was literally all over the place giving talks, rotating exhibits in banks and libraries, appearing on radio and television, writing articles, publicity and club newsletters, inspiring others to participate, signing up new members, etc., etc. and all the while compiling a record of her activities in a most imaginative scrapbook, help in the creation of which she graciously declined as "not cricket."

Across the state there were others who made National Coin Week the occasion for promoting the hobby and using the theme "Coins—Links in a Chain of Peace." At this time we have no report except from items in the hobby publications. All the winners were from TNA District 8. Next year we'll be expecting more winners from across the Lone Star State, ANA District 6.



Making money is sure 'nuf big

business! Have you noted that recently 25,000,000 coins were struck in one day at the Denver Mint. Would you believe that only 18,188,146 coins, including gold, were struck in the first ten years of coining by our country if I can add the figures in the Domestic Coin Pamphlet from the Office of the Director of the Mint.

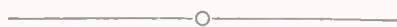
And have you noted that in the face of higher cost of labor the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has reduced the cost of producing our paper money? The Bureau has also initiated its own apprentice program, helping young people with proven learning ability to prepare to fill job openings of which there are a surprising variety. The Bureau's no place for a sluggard but for some of our alert young Texans—here's a challenge!



Another challene—refer to p. 599 of the May issue of *The Numismatist*, read the article entitled "So You Want to Write a Numismatic Article" and get busy. Many of you have done serious research that will be more meaningful to you if shared through *The Numismatist* and others of you have ideas about the mechanics of the hobby which can help your fellows through the pages of the *Club Bulletin*. Both publications are looking for good material.



Much good work is spoiled for want of a little more.



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EDITOR

Harry L. Kent Jr., president of Austin Coin Club for the past two years and a recognized Southwestern authority on Mexican coins, has been honored in another phase of his professional career. Kent, a professor of mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering of the University of Texas, received the \$1,400 General Dynamics Corp. award for excellence for teaching effectiveness. An instructor at the university since 1932, Prof. Kent was selected for the award for outstanding teaching and work with students after being nominated by students and other university faculty members. He was also the recipient of an excellence in teaching award in 1966 from the University of Texas Alumni Assn. . . .

Nicholas G. Theodore, a Delaware County lawyer and accountant, was sworn in July 1 as the 15th Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint. The oath was administered at a ceremony held in the mint building on Independence Mall. The new mint, to be officially opened August 11, will be in full operation early in 1970. . . .

August 2-3 at Lake Charles, La., The Southwest Louisiana Coin Club held a drawing for a \$20 gold piece, the net proceeds going to ANAT . . . a new edition of the number one

authority on American coins has just gone on sale. The 1970 version of R. S. Yeoman's Guide Book of United States Coins (Red Book) is sure to capture the attention of numismatists eager to learn the new market values for their coins. In the 23rd edition collectors will find numerous changes in the prices of nearly all of the coins listed from the earliest Colonial pieces of 1616 up to the current 1969 proof sets . . . orders for Buttreys new Mexican coin catalog, A Guide Book of Mexican Coins, are pouring in so fast at Whitman Hobby Division of Western Publishing Co., Inc. that they may have to go back to press to accommodate future sales. . . .

Augusta and Lamar Feld of Corpus Christi, back from a Kiwanis convention in Miami Beach, Fla. . . . the Ray Whyborn family of San Antonio vacationed in California . . . the Clark Courseys of Brownwood attended a county judges convention in Brownsville visiting also in Weslaco . . . Collector's Den is the name of a new publication put out by Stanley K. Rupert of San Antonio. If you would like a copy write to Stan at 151 Wonderland City. . . . Harvey A. Bruns of Mission back from an extended trip to California . . . Mrs. G. M. Howard, Wichita Falls, back from a trip to Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . thirty

# from the secretary

## Texas Numismatic Association

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1250 Mrs. Barbara Rader Hyde, 5232 Valencia Dr., Orange, Calif. 92667.

C-127 (D-11) Moore County Coin Club, 309 Meredith, Dumas, Tex. 79029.

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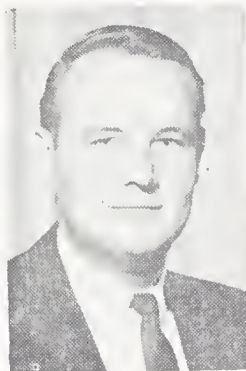
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ses paid ..... 56.01  
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Operating Funds .....\$3,096.17  
Ear-marked Funds ..... 218.68

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Balance as of June  
30, 1969 ..... 218.68

TNA Permanent  
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May 31, 1969 ..... 179.05  
Refund as above ..... 15.75

Balance as of June  
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TNA News Continuance  
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## SEPTEMBER 6-7

**SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB** annual show, Town House Motor Hotel. Write club, Box 87, San Angelo 76901.



## SEPTEMBER 7

**DALWORTH COIN & STAMP CLUB** of Dallas and Fort Worth, Bourse, Seminary South Shopping Center, Town Hall. Write: Frances Luke, 823 N. Riverside Dr., Fort Worth.



## SEPTEMBER 13-14

**NOLAN COUNTY COIN CLUB**, Sweetwater, Texas annual Wildcat Show, Coliseum Annex. Write: J. V. Younger, Box 67, Sweetwater.



## SEPTEMBER 13-14

**BEAUMONT COIN CLUB**, 10th annual show, Ridgewood Motor Hotel, 2520 Freeway, Beaumont, Bourse: T. G. Brown, 3555 Sleepy Lane, Beaumont 77706.



## SEPTEMBER 27-28

**AUSTIN COIN CLUB** annual Money Mart. Stephen F. Austin Hotel. Write Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.



## SEPTEMBER 28

**PORT ISABEL COIN CLUB**, second annual show, Sea Island Motor Hotel, Padre Island. Other details later.

## OCTOBER 11-12

**PASADENA COIN CLUB** show. Gulfgate Shopping City, Gulfgate Auditorium, Houston. Write: Cecil Warren, Box 1394, Pasadena 77501.



## OCTOBER 18-19

**AMARILLO COIN CLUB FALL SHOW**. Herring Hotel. Write: Joe Dooley, 2615 Wolfen, Amarillo 79109.



## OCTOBER 18-19

**LIBERTY COIN CLUB**, Corpus Christi, annual show, Memorial Coliseum. Gen. Chrmn: Clarence P. Davis, Box 7001, Corpus Christi, Tex. 78415.



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**HEART OF TEXAS COIN & STAMP CLUB**, 2nd annual show, Alico Inn, Waco. Chrmn: Mrs. M. D. Follett, 3725 Herwol, Waco, Tex.



## OCTOBER 24-26

**RCDA, INC.** convention, Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, Utah. Write: Box 536, Denison 75020.



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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT ONE:

The Dalworth Coin and Stamp Club of Dallas and Fort Worth was scheduled to hold a coin show August 10 at Northtown Mall in Dallas.

A second show was set for September 7 at Seminary South Shopping Center in Town Hall. For bourse reservations write Mrs. Pauline Boone, 831 W. Jefferson, Dallas, or Frances Luke, 823 N. Riverside Dr., Fort Worth. Coins and stamps were to be featured. —Frances Luke, Reporter.



## DISTRICT THREE:

Big Spring Coin Club met in June at Settles Hotel and after a short business session, Fred Clark, district 3 governor, gave a T.N.A. report. An auction was conducted by D. A. Thurman.



Fred Clark  
Governor

Twenty three members and five visitors were present. The next meeting will be held at Lee Service Club, Webb Air Force Base.—Mrs. Dwain Leonard, Reporter.



Twenty four members and guests attended Nolan County Coin Club meeting in Sweetwater when Fred Clark, district 3 governor, was guest speaker. Clark chose for discussion "Obsolete Coinage of the U. S."

Members met at Texas State Bank building. An auction and refresh-

ments followed the program.—Fred Clark, Gov. Dist. 3.



Fred Clark, district 3 governor, was a special guest at Key City Coin Club meeting in Abilene. The club meets at the First Savings and Loan Bldg. the first Tuesday of each month.

Twenty one members and guests were in attendance.—Fred Clark, Gov. Dist. 3.



Carl Fry made a plea for the San Angelo Coin Club to adopt a project and suggested that the club sponsor a boy or girl scout going to a summer camp. The club met in June at Town House Motor Hotel with 38 present.

Fred Clark gave a talk on "Obsolete Coinage of the U.S." He was presented an A.N.A. blue ribbon award for the program.

Club President Bill Lee asked that the members be on the lookout for \$1.00 notes signed by Joseph W. Barr, who was in office a short time.—Lynn Langston, Sec.



## DISTRICT FOUR:

Herbert H. Bergen of Fullerton, Calif., candidate for president of A.N.A., has accepted an invitation to appear as principal speaker at the annual awards breakfast of Austin Coin Club's 10th annual "Money Mart"



Ray Kirkpatrick  
Governor

September 27-28. Announcement of Bergen's acceptance came from Lyman Bartee, general chairman.

Bergen's address will climax the two-day show which in ten years has become the largest numismatic educational and informational show in Texas and one of the largest coin shows and bourses in the Southwest. Its new show date, Septem-

ber 27-28, is one week later than originally announced because of availability of better facilities in the Stephen F. Austin Hotel in the heart of Austin.

The semiannual meeting of the T.N.A. board of directors will be held as one of the "Money Mart's" principal features and practically all of the top officials of T.N.A. have

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indicated they would attend.—Brad H. Smith, Publicity.



#### DISTRICT FIVE:

Small size U.S. paper money from an exhibit which won a trophy at the recent T. N. A. convention in Fort Worth was displayed by the owner, Col. Charles A. Wingo, at the June 3 meeting of Grayson County Coin Club in Sherman. Wingo also reported on the other activities of the Convention.

At the June 17 meeting, Wingo reported on the RCDA convention and show in Dallas, where he had won a first and second prize for paper money exhibits. The club voted to purchase 12 1970 "Red Books" for use as attendance prizes. —Col. Charles A. Wingo, Gov. Dist. 5.



All officers were reelected when Texomaland Coin Club of Denison

met June 13. They included Col. Charles A. Wingo, president; Henry Ditto, vice president; J. K. Megginson, secretary-treasurer; Dr. W. D. Blassingame, auctioneer; and James Cole, assistant auctioneer.

Wingo reported on the activities of the T. N. A. convention which he attended as representative of the club.

Jake Weingarten displayed his collection of U.S. type coins consisting of 73 coins of almost all types and denominations.

At the June 27 meeting, the club voted to change its meetings from semimonthly to monthly. —Col. Charles A. Wingo, Gov. Dist. 5.



Mesquite Coin Club and its individual members have been "showing" more of their hobby this year. The club collection of Texas currency and warrants won a first place at the Mineral Wells Coin Club show



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in March and trophies were won at the T. N. A. convention by the club as well as by members Cora Dulaney, Henry Stitzle and G. F. Johnson.

National Coin Week in April had the club represented with displays at various places in both Dallas and Garland. The club obtained proclamations on NCW from the Mayors of Dallas, Garland and Mesquite.

The "Show and Tell" project is now a regular feature of meetings. In February Miss Patricia Landon had a display on her different and unusual coins, mostly from the Far East; in March, Jim McKinney brought some oddities from his collection and featured the "smuggler's dollar;" and in April, Homer Brooks narrated the T. N. A. slide set on U.S. Paper Money 1861-1923. All members are urged to participate in the club activity in order to further interest in the different aspects of

collecting. —Doris Robinson, T. N. A. Rep.



#### DISTRICT SIX:

Plans for the June meeting of **Beaumont Coin Club** called for a talk on "My Enjoyment in Collecting Tokens" by James L. Ruhland.

Also to be discussed were plans for the annual coin show set for September 13-14 at Ridgewood Motor Hotel in Beaumont. T. G. Brown, 3555 Sleepy Lane, Beaumont 77706 is bourse chairman.



At the regular meeting of **Port Arthur Club** in June, 10 new members were signed up in the club with 38 attending the meeting.

California gold was the subject selected for discussion by J. G. O'Neal. T. G. Brown, district 6 governor, gave a short talk on the ad-



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The club purchased six T. N. A. convention medals to be awarded as attendance prizes at the next six meetings. —T. G. Brown, Gov. Dist. 6.

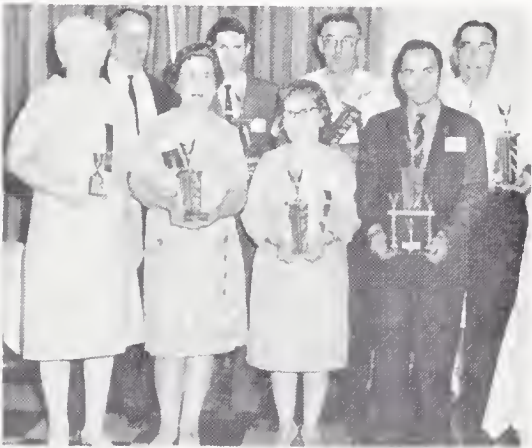


**La Marque Coin Club** members enjoyed a "show and tell" program at the June 19 meeting. Included were talks on confederate currency, proof coins of Malta, first day covers and foreign stamps, birthday coins, how to make fish sinkers for fun and profit, antique silver holder used in the Methodist church for a miniature Ten Commandments and the 1963B Joseph Barr Notes.

Nine trophies were won by members of the club at the Texas City Coin Jamboree. —Ruby Threlkeld, Reporter.



An estimated 1,200 persons attended the **Galveston County Coin Club Jamboree** June 14-15 held at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Sixteen bourse dealers from Arkansas, Oklahoma,



**EXHIBIT WINNERS** — Award winners in exhibits at the Texas City Coin Jamboree held in June at Holiday Inn Hotel are, front row, Audrey Kitchens, Ruby Threlkeld, Christine Richardson and Don Stoltenberg. Back row, Claude Ressler, Clifford Morehead, M. J. Anderson, exhibit chairman, and J. D. Fuller.

Florida and Texas were present.

Highlighting the show was the awards' supper for dealers, their wives, exhibitors and club members. Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Brown of Beaumont were recognized at the supper. Brown is the newly appointed governor of District 6, T. N. A.

Don Stoltenberg captured best in show and winners in U.S. coins were Stoltenberg, Louise Anderson and Claude Ressler. In foreign coins before 1500, Mrs. Anderson, J. D. Fuller; foreign coins after 1500, Christine Richardson, Hugh Threlkeld, S. B. Johnson; paper money, Mrs. Richardson, Clifford Morehead; gold, Morehead; medals and tokens, Stoltenberg, Gerry Kelly, Audrey Kitchens. In special, Stoltenberg and Ruby Threlkeld; juniors, U.S. coins, Dathalyn Anderson. There were 19 exhibits with 25 cases.

J. D. Fuller was general chairman, assisted by Claude Ressler, bourse; M. J. Anderson, exhibits, Ruby Threlkeld, publicity; Christine Richardson, prize pictures. Also, Louise Anderson, awards' supper; Carl Nessler, Jr., house arrangements; Hugh Threlkeld, insurance; and Audrey Kitchens, Mrs. J. D. Fuller, Jo Ann Ressler, Melba and Melanie Nessler, registration. —Ruby Threlkeld, Reporter.



#### DISTRICT SEVEN:

Members were asked to bring exhibits to the July 8 meeting of **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio and share the hobby with others. There were to be prizes awarded.

At the July 22 meeting, several activities were planned including a Dutch auction, buy board and a White Elephant



Ray Whyborn  
Governor

coin sale.



#### DISTRICT EIGHT:

It was announced in the club bulletin of **World Coin Club** of **Corpus Christi** that Junior Club meeting at **Corpus Christi** museum was taking a short vacation and also issued a plea that more coins were needed for the club.



John L. Chisum  
Governor

Members were also urged to contribute inexpensive interesting coins for a museum display now being prepared.



**Hidalgo Coin Club** of **McAllen** has changed its meeting place to **McAllen**

**State Bank**. The club meets on the first Thursday of the month.

Announcement was made by Club President **John L. Chisum**, that the club had been honored with second place, **Class C**, in **National Coin Week** competition. The **NCW** scrapbook will be on display in **Philadelphia** at the **August A. N. A.** convention. —**John L. Chisum, Gov. Dist. 8**



Newly-elected president **Robert T. Raney, Jr.**, conducted the **June 9** meeting of **Corpus Christi Coin Club** at **Gulfway National Bank**. Twenty-five members and four guests attended.

After peaches and cookies a program of "Convention Comments" was held. **Gladys Robbins** told of exhibits at the **TNA 11th** convention in **Ft. Worth** and reported on the awards breakfast where she and **Darrell Stidham**, club member now living



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in Grand Prairie, won exhibit awards and Gladys had the honor of presenting the Lewis Reagan Memorial Award to CCCC member Augusta Folda and Lyman Bartee of Austin.

Ralph Watters reported on his evaluation of the convention bourse and general tone. Norma Mather reported on the Educational Forum commenting that "four speakers are just too many when each has such a wealth of information and hoping for publication of the talks."

Fourteen members and three guests attended the June 23 meeting.

President Raney presented an ANA Educational Award certificate to C. H. Roberts who then took charge of the "Show and Tell" program. He said, "All the coin clubs in Corpus Christi are honored by the work of two of our members," and beckoned Richard Ricketts to the front to tell what he had done to earn the Honor-

able Mention in the junior division for National Coin Week. Gladys Robbins was not present but was enthusiastically commended for winning first place for individual entrants.

Sam Bassous showed a millennial commemorative of the Duchy of Luxembourg saying that he counted it his lucky piece because it was the one crown left him by thieves recently. Norma Mather showed a set of TNA 11th Convention medals and read the accompanying certificate. Ralph Watters showed Japanese occupation money for the Philippines, "aged" U.S. Philippine bills used by espionage agents, Philippine money overprinted VICTORY for MacArthur's return and bills overprinted HAWAII and with a yellow circle for use by the U.S. forces in specific sectors.

Dimitry Bassous showed a bronze medal he won from the French gov-



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ernment of occupation in Antioch, Syria, for garden fruit he entered in 1928. Margaret Roberts showed a set of three Portuguese coins, commemorative of the 500th year of the death of Prince Henry "the Navigator" who never got more than nine miles from home, but whose likeness is on the coins. Haral Roberts' 3 coins marked the 400th anniversary of De-Fama's discovery of the sea route to India but depicted the sovereigns Carlos and Amelia. He called attention to the fact that Portugal was the only country to strike coins to commemorate a discovery. —Norma Mather, Sec.



The T.N.A. Memorial Library slide set "Commemorative Canadian Silver Dollars" was shown and narrated by Gladys Robbins at the June

10 meeting of Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi. There were 29 present.

The club is currently engaged in a new membership contest, with a 1969 proof set going to the winner at the annual Christmas party.

At the June 24 meeting Games Night was featured with silver dollars and a 5-peso Mexican gold coin given as prizes. There were 35 members and 12 visitors present.

Plans for the eighth annual Liberty Show were to be under discussion at the July 8 meeting when Clarence Davis, show chairman, was to name his committee chairmen. John Ricketts, program chairman, was to show slides "America the Beautiful" taken on his recent vacation to National Parks.—Gladys Robbins, Corr. Sec.



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## DISTRICT NINE:

Reports on the May show were heard at the June meeting of Level-land Coin & Stamp Club held at the Chamber of Commerce building. Fourteen attended.

There were 22 competitive displays and 18 bourse dealers. Exhibit winners were Troy Coan, O'Neil Rocky, E. L. Pitzer, Lindon Finley and Mrs. Forrest Simmons.

D. O. Joplin and son, David, reported on the T. N. A. convention and displayed trophies won in the exhibit classification. The program also included a slide set furnished by T. N. A. Memorial Library. —D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.



D. O. Joplin  
Governor



November 9 is the date selected for a Fall coin show to be hosted by Lamb County Coin Club of Littlefield. The show will be held at the Community Center.

Assisting with arrangements will be E. G. Alexander, general chairman; D. O. Joplin, exhibits; and Chas. Barrett, publicity and bourse.

Officers for the year are Larry Sanderson, president; Barrett, vice

president; Hazel Sharp, secretary; Gayle Mills, treasurer; and Maedell Simmons, historian.

Thirty two attended the meeting. —Hazel Sharp, Sec.



## DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club met in June at the Y. M. C. A. with 30 members and guests present.

Roger Paulk was appointed secretary after Mrs. Tony Watts resigned. Jay O. Henson was appointed vice president formerly held by Paulk.

Wm. Rust Sr., district 13 governor, gave a report on the recent T. N. A. convention and noted that the Wichita Falls club had good publicity in the scrapbook prepared by the T. N. A. historian, Mrs. Ruby Threlkeld, and then thanked Mrs. G. M. Howard, publicity chairman, for her efforts.

The program was under the direction of Henson. The title of a slide program was "What We Can Learn From Our Stamps" and was prepared by George V. Lueresen of the American Philatelic Assn. In the

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Please add to your book library list:

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R-21p—The Guidebook & Cata-

logue of British Commonwealth Coins 1660-1969, by Jerome Remick, Howard Linecar and Somer James. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Forrest R. Jones, Port Mansfield, Tex.

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commentary, he said that stamps are works of art as to pictures and designs and that both domestic and foreign stamps reflect the history, religion, language and other facts about the country where they are issued. Cancellations are important to collectors and he described mint and used conditions. —Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity.



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